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MAYOR BARRET INTRODUCES RICHARD LEINENKUGEL TO MILWAUKEE'S FRESH COAST WITH A TOAST TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The Port of Milwaukee had the opportunity to showcase its successful businesses on Friday to the Wisconsin Secretary of Commerce Richard Leinenkugel. During the discussions with the Board of Harbor Commissioners and Mayor Barrett, the Secretary agreed to coordinate a meeting with other state departments to share business development ideas and legislation efforts that will help attract more businesses to the state. In appreciation of the Secretary's time to visit the city, Mayor Barrett said, "We are grateful for the opportunity to discuss important Port issues and Milwaukee's role in attracting international business and trade with Secretary Leinenkugel. I am confident this discussion at the State level will help the City's efforts to bring more business and jobs through our Port to Wisconsin." The commercial port offers the most transportation options of any Midwest port, including pipeline, barges, lake ships, ocean ships, two main railroads and immediate freeway access. These intermodal options can offer businesses a way to expand their markets and export more commerce from our state.



Secretary Leinenkugel listens to business leaders who want to expand their ability to move commerce by water



Left to right, Ed Waters, Waters' New Biotech, Eric Reinelt, Port Director, Rocky Marcoux, Commissioner of City Development, Ann Beier, BHC Economic Advisor, Hardy Sawall, Innovation Fuels, Claude Krawczyk, Board of Harbor Commissioners (BHC), Richard Leinenkugel, WI Secretary of Commerce, Kristine Martinsek, BHC, Don Albinger, BHC Economic Advisor, Ron SanFelippo, BHC, Craig Mastantuono, BHC, Tim Hoelter, President BHC. Front row, Lori Lutzka, Mayor Barrett's Liaison to the Port, Mark Vincent, Waters' New Biotech.

About the Port of Milwaukee:

The Board of Harbor Commissioners oversees the commercial Port of Milwaukee as well as the City of Milwaukee's recreational lakefront areas. "The Port of Milwaukee" encompasses the lakefront area from Russell Avenue in Bay View to the Milwaukee

Sewerage Treatment plant on Jones Island. The Port serves as the regional transportation and distribution center. It is ideally situated with water access to domestic and worldwide destinations via the inland river system and the St. Lawrence Seaway, rail access via the Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific railroads and immediate interstate highway ramps at the Port. The Port handles a diverse mix of general cargoes including steel, containerized cargoes, forest products, asphalt, petroleum products, fertilizers, heavy machinery and project cargoes such as windmills and turbines